Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Were not the people of Tattamangalam electing their own Councillors ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, for the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Therefore, is it not a fact that Tattamangalam is a new Municipality, only technically ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* You may take it so if you like.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government kindly order elections when the term of the present Council expires ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In all probability it will be done.

TATTAMANGALAM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL—STRENGTH OF MEMBERS—INCREASING OF

39. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the sanctioned strength of the Tattamangalam Municipal Council ;

(*b*) on what basis did the Government fix the strength;

(*c*) what is the population within the area of the present Tattamangalam Municipality according to the last Census;

(*d*) is it not a fact that various boards of Panchayats in the State in places with less population consist of more members than this Municipal Council;

(*e*) whether provision is not given for a greater number of members for towns with less population in the "Cochin Town Councils Bill" recently passed by the Legislative Council;

(*f*) is the Government aware that there is a general feeling among the public of Tattamangalam that the present strength of their Municipal Council is quite inadequate to carry on the local administration effectively and efficiently;

(*g*) will the Government be pleased to increase the strength of the Municipal Council, before the next Council is constituted?

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 7.

(*b*) On the basis of the recommendation of the Joint Committee appointed for the constitution of the Tattamangalam minor municipality.

(*c*) 7297.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) The question will be considered, if found necessary, at the proper time.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Shall I take it that the implication of sub-section (*g*) is that the Government do not feel the necessity of enlarging the number of members of the Council ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Not now. It will be considered at the proper time.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do the Government consider the necessity of re-constituting this Municipality into a Town Council ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* In the Town Councils Act itself there is provision for greater number of members.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My submission is, there are only 7,297 people in the Tattamangalam municipal area.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is a toll question there, whereas a Town Council has not.

BUS-STAND—CHITTUR MUNICIPALITY

40. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the Bus-stand in the Chittur Municipality constructed ;

(*b*) on whose request was it constructed ;

(*c*) what was the total expenditure incurred in erecting the stand ;

(*d*) what is the average daily income from it ;

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